GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN PRICE OF TOOR DAL
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the price of `Toor Dal` has come down in the open market in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a number of purchase centres have already started buying `Toor Dal` at a fixed rate (remunerative prices) at various places in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d): The open market rate of Toor Dal is above the minimum support price fixed by the Central Government at Rs.1320.00 per quintal for 2002-2003.

The Market Prices of Toor Dal are detailed below:

Month	Rupees per Quintal
November,2002	1400-1500
December,2002	1450-1500
January, 2003	1550-1650
February, 2003	1650-1770

Karnataka Government has opened seven procurement centers in two major Toor growing destricts namely, in Gulbarga and Bidar for procurement at a fixed rate of Rs.1650 and Rs.1600 per quintal for Grade − I and Grade − II respectively.National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) appointed by the Central Government as a Nodal Agency for procurement of Pulses under the Minimum Support price scheme, has notprocured Toor Dal in Karnataka at the minimum support price announced by the Central Government.